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	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2314-179
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> <b>ALPHA-CONOTOXIN PEPTIDES</b>		

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*AMENDMENT*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed 10 September 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

*IN THE SPECIFICATION:*

Please amend the noted paragraphs of the specification as shown on the attached pages. Material deleted is shown by strikethrough and material added is shown by underlining.

*IN THE CLAIMS:*

Please cancel claims 3-7 as being directed to non-elected species without prejudice to filing one or more divisional applications, as well as with respect to the species deleted from claims 2 and 39.

Please cancel claims 10-38 without prejudice to filing one or more divisional applications.

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 39 as shown on the attached pages. Material deleted is shown by strikethrough and material added is shown by underlining.

Please add new claims 40 and 41 as shown on the attached pages.

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*IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING:*

Please insert the substitute Sequence Listing attached hereto for the substitute Sequence Listing filed on 5 April 2001.